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One United States Patent

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Sir,

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant submits this paper to introduce art that he wishes to have the Examiner consider, or to introduce art in compliance with his duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicant wishes to introduce the art that has been listed on the attached modified PTO Forms 1449. This includes one U.S. patent and four foreign patent documents. Copies of these references have been enclosed pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

No representation is made that a specific search has been made by the Applicant, that the information is material to the claimed subject matter, or that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicant does not admit that any of the information he has provided is necessarily prior to his invention but rather that it is informative at this time. Any question that may arise regarding priority of a reference shall be resolved during prosecution.

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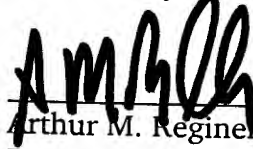
evaluation and to arrive at an independent assessment of materiality of each document to the examination of this application. The Examiner is requested to disregard any markings on the documents.

Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited be made of record in the subject case.

**IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE INFORMATION
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The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the subject application and after three months of the filing of the subject application. A certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) cannot be made at this time. The Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0925 in the amount of \$180.00 for the payment of fees associated with this Information Disclosure Statement. In the event that an additional fee is due or that any amount should be credited, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additions fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

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